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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, applicant and the undersigned attorney wish to bring the following information to the Examiner's attention in connection with the examination of the above-captioned application.

The documents are listed on PTO/SB/08a Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO which accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of each foreign document cited thereon is enclosed herewith.

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REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), Applicant hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in the International Search Report dated March 25, 2004 issued in the International Application No. PCT/EP2003/010334.

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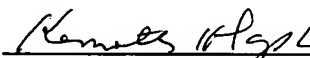
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. § §1.16-1.17 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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